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services to/from Hyderabad after it has been declared as international airport.

Introduction of State Airports for International Air Services

554. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of International Air Services were introduced from State Airports recently;

(b) if so, what is the action plan chalked out therefor; and

(c) the air routes selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) International air services are presently available from the following airports, which are not classified as international airports;

(i) Calicut (Kerala) to points in gulf (ii) Trichinapalli (Tamil Nadu) to Sharjah (iii) Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) to Sharjah (iv) Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) to Sharjah (v) Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) to Kathmandu (vi) Patna (Bihar) to Kathmandu.

Safety of Air Fields at Jammu and Srinagar

555. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether no steps have been taken to ensure the safety of air fields at Jammu and Srinagar as alleged by the Indian Commercial Pilots Association;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons for declaring Jammu and Kashmir as no fly zone by the Indian Airlines Pilots Union w.e.f. 26th January, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The navigation/landings aids available at Jammu and Srinagar, including sterilisation of approach funnel, are sufficient for safe operation of flights.